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AMENDMENT

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 7, lines 23-27 to read as follows:

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--FIG. 2 depicts a front elevation of the arm 11 of the clamp having the hook or latch, where the hinge 13 of FIG. 1 has been cut in cross-section. The teeth 14 are used to clamp on the umbilical cord or other fluid-containing vessel when the arms of the clamp are urged toward each other and the clamp is locked in the closed position. The underside of the thumb wing 17 is visible, as are the top of the tongue 18 and the tip 22 thereof. In an embodiment shown here, the thumb wing 17 is separate and distinct from the outwardly-flared portion at the free forward end of each arm.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An umbilical cord clamp comprising:
a pair of arms each having a length in a generally V-shaped configuration having rear end portions associated at an apex and having free forward end portions normally disposed in spaced-apart relation and being movable towards each other for clamping an umbilical cord between the arms;
a flared portion at the end of each arm;
a grasping portion that is disposed on each arm transversely to the length thereof, which is distinct from the flared portion on that arm and which is sufficiently sized and shaped to receive a finger or tool so as to facilitate grasping and closing of the clamp; and
a locking portion for securing the arms together when the clamp is closed.